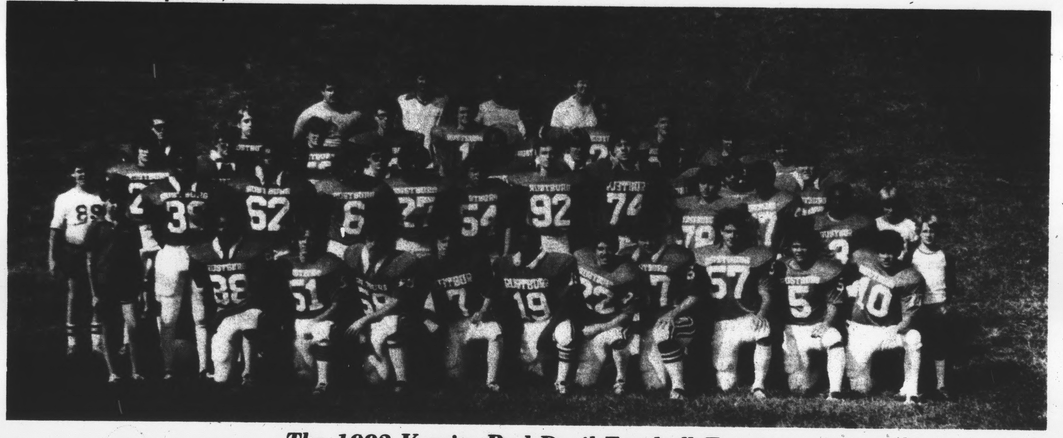

*The 1982 Varsity Red Devil Football Team*

# Red Devils: speed, quickness, size

## Red Devil Roster

| No. | Player | Pos. | HT. | WT. | Class |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Brian Anderson | QB | 6'0 | 140 | 10 |
| 3 | Barry Clark | DB | 5'3 | 125 | 10 |
| 5 | G. R. Campbell | DB | 5'9½ | 155 | 12 |
| 6 | Bernard Jefferson | E | 5'9 | 132 | 10 |
| 7 | Keith Cyrus | E | 5'6 | 130 | 12 |
| 10 | John Rosser | QB | 5'11½ | 160 | 12 |
| 19 | David Smith | RB | 5'7 | 155 | 12 |
| 21 | Steve Turner | RB | 5'8½ | 140 | 12 |
| 22 | John Blankenship | E | 5'10 | 150 | 12 |
| 24 | Greg Smith | DB | 5'5 | 130 | 10 |
| 25 | Kirk Owens | E | 5'9 | 130 | 11 |
| 26 | Ronnie Davis | RB | 5'11 | 149 | 10 |
| 27 | Ricky Davis | E | 6'0 | 160 | 11* |
| 28 | Doug Engelke | E | 5'8 | 147 | 10 |
| 32 | Mickey Paige | LB | 5'11 | 185 | 10 |
| 36 | Dwight Jones | LB | 5'9 | 162 | 11 |
| 38 | Lem Jefferson | RB | 5'8 | 172 | 11* |
| 51 | David Irby | LB | 5'6 | 142 | 12 |
| 53 | Steve Glass | LB | 5'3 | 145 | 11 |
| 54 | Charles Brooks | L | 5'5½ | 174 | 11 |
| 55 | Kevin Hirtz | L | 5'7 | 150 | 10 |
| 57 | Mark Elliott | L | 6'1 | 165 | 12 |
| 58 | Greg Gunter | C | 5'11½ | 185 | 12 |
| 59 | Calvin Pierce | L | 5'10 | 172 | 11 |
| 60 | Mike Gordon | L | 5'11 | 148 | 10 |
| 62 | Marshall Tweedy and 33 | LB | | | 10 |
| 64 | Stan Stanley | L | 6'½" | 165 | 11 |
| 65 | Mac Davis | L | 6'1 | 200 | 11 |
| 66 | Preston Petty | L | 5'9½ | 255 | 11 |
| 67 | Randy St. John And 99 | L | 6'1 | 210 | 12 |
| 68 | Marty Pribble | L | 5'9 | 200 | 11 |
| 74 | Mark Williamson | L | 6'1½ | 202 | 11 |
| 75 | Troy Manvel | L | 5'9 | 180 | 11 |
| 78 | Scott Kidd | L | 5'7 | 205 | 10 |
| 84 | Paul Harvey | LB | 5'10 | 150 | 11 |
| 87 | Jay Kerr | E | 5'10½ | 125 | 11 |
| 88 | Herbert Daniels | E | 6'0 | 160 | 12 |
| 91 | B. C. Harris | E | 5'9 | 146 | 10 |
| 92 | Stuart Watson | E | 5'10 | 137 | 10 |

Head Coach ..... Ray Wade
J.V. Coach ..... Robert Miller
Assistant Coach ..... Bedford Luck
Assistant Coach ..... Bill Herndon
Assistant Coach ..... Mike Bennett
Assistant Coach ..... Ed Landis

Head Manager ..... Mathew Anderson

Rustburg High School's varsity Red Devils football team will rely on speed and quickness combined with good size on its interior line to overcome a lack of experience.

Coach Ray Wade notes that much of his starting team from last year, which posted a 7-3 record in the Seminole District, was lost to graduation after last season.

Quarterback John Rosser, a 5-11½, 160-lb. senior, and David Smith, a 5-7, 155-lb. senior running back, bring some element of experience to the Red Devil offensive backfield this season.

Rosser and Smith will be joined in the offensive backfield by a host of Red Devils who will see playing time this season.

Ricky Davis, Dwight Jones and G. R. Campbell will all carry the ball this season, according to Wade.

Campbell, John Blankenship and Bernard Jefferson will be used as receivers this season. Mickey Page will pull duty from the slotback position, and Smith will run from the fullback spot.

"We do have an element of speed," according to assistant coach Bill Herndon. "And we have enough experience in the backfield so that, barring injuries, that part of our game sould be pretty solid."

Probable starters on the Red Devils' offensive line this season will include Mack Davis and Mark Williamson at tackles, Troy Manuel, Marshall Tweedy and Preston Petty at guards, and Greg Gunter at center.

"We have pretty good size on our offensive line, but not much experience," Herndon adds.

The Red Devils will use a mixed offense this season, running a split backfield, I formations, wishbone formations, and a variety of others.

"Our skilled positions are strong," Wade notes. "It's just a question of whether our line can come together as a unit, whether we can overcome our lack of experience up front."

Defensively, Wade believes the Red Devils have come a long way.

"We feel that we have an exceptionally strong defense this year," notes Wade.

Greg Gunter, Mark Williamson, Charles Brooks and Mack Davis will all be used this season on the defensive line, according to the coach. "Randy St. John will see action as a defensive guard or tackle, too," according to Herndon.

Mickey Paige, David Smith, Dwight Jones, John Rosser, John Blankenship and G. R. Campbell will see action behind the defensive line this season.

"Some of the positions are still up for grabs, and we won't know for sure who the regular starting lineup will be until possibly the day before this first game," according to Wade.

But, the coach does feel that defense will be his team's strong point, at least early on in the season.

"We scrimmaged Laurel Park," Wade notes, "and our defense controlled the line of scrimmage."

"In the past, the offense has carried the ball in our game strategy," Wade says. "This year, we're going to have to rely more on our defense, at least until we can gain the experience as a team offensively to compete in the Seminole District."

The Red Devils will begin their regular season this Friday night a 8 p.m. at Lynchburg's City Stadium against Heritage High School.

Heritage began its regular season last Friday night with a 35-7 victory over E. C. Glass High School.

## Rustburg Red Devil Football Schedules

**Rustburg High School Varsity Football 1982**

| Date | Opponent | Place |
|---|---|---|
| 9-3 | Heritage | City Stadium |
| 9-10 | Brookville | Brookville |
| 9-17 | Altavista | Rustburg |
| 9-24 | William Campbell | Wm. Campbell |
| 10-1 | Appomattox | Rustburg |
| 10-8 | Nelson | Nelson |
| 10-15 | Liberty (Homecoming) | Rustburg |
| 10-22 | Gretna | Gretna |
| 10-29 | Buckingham | Buckingham |
| 11-5 | Jefferson Forest | Rustburg |

All games start at 8 p.m.

**Rustburg J.V. Football 1982**

| Date | Opponent | Place |
|---|---|---|
| 9-9 | Brookville | Rustburg |
| 9-16 | Altavista | Altavista |
| 9-23 | Wm. Campbell | Rustburg |
| 9-30 | Appomattox | Appomattox |
| 10-7 | Nelson | Rustburg |
| 10-14 | Liberty | Liberty |
| 10-21 | Gretna | Rustburg |
| 10-28 | Buckingham | Rustburg |

All games start at 6 p.m.



**From William Tell to Webb Babcock**

# Archery: the new look

Some sportsmen have a difficult time hitting the broad side of a barn at 20 paces with an open-choke shotgun.

Others, such as Webb Babcock, Jr., have more refined marksmanship techniques.

Babcock, the son of Webb and Virginia Babcock of Appomattox, is owner of Webb's Sporting Goods in Madison Heights. He is also a nationally ranked archery marksman.

"I started shooting a bow and arrow in 1970," says Babcock, "and I went to my first national tournament in 1971, mainly for the experience."

Two years later, Babcock traveled to the national championships in Aurora, Ill., and placed third in the freestyle division of the national tournament in Aurora.

In 1977, he placed fourth in the national championship tournament, and the three men who placed in front of him were using mechanical arrow releases, while Babcock used the manual-release technique.

In 1978, the tournament rules were changed, because the mechanical technique makes for a smoother release and gives the shooter an advantage over the person using manual release. That year, Babcock won the Freestyle Bowhunters Division of the National Championship Tournament.

In 1977 and 1978, he also won the Mid-Atlantic Championship tournaments, and in 1976, '77 and '78, he won the state championship in the Freestyle Bowhunters Division.

Tournament participants shoot at ranges varying from 20 feet (at a six-inch target) to 80 yards (at a 24-inch target). The shooter releases four arrows at each target, and with 28 targets per game, the maximum number of points a shooter can earn are 560.

"To give you an idea of how far the sport has progressed, some people in the national championships these days are averaging 552, out of a possible maximum of 560," Babcock notes.

Babcock uses his bow and arrow on more than targets, however. This past Saturday, he left for an elk-hunting trip in Colorado, one of many such trips he has taken in recent years.

"Bowhunting has come a long way," Babcock says of the sport. And, looking at the different types of bows, arrows and related equipment available to the sportsman, it soon becomes apparent how far removed we are from the days of William Tell and Robin Hood.

The two types of bows used today are the recurve bow (ala William Tell) and the compound bow.

"With a recurve bow, the further you pull the bow back, the stronger it gets. For example, a recurve bow measured for 50 pounds at a 28-inch draw length: for every additional inch of draw length (beyond 28 inches), you add approximately 2½ pounds of power," Babcock explains.

A bow such as this would propel an arrow approximately 120-160 feet per second, according to Babcock.

A compound bow has pulleys at the ends of its limbs. As the shooter draws the string back, the tension builds up to a point, then suddenly drops off, as the pulleys do their work.

"The advantage of the compound bow is that it gives the shooter maximum power, but allows him to hold the bow steady because the pulleys take the tension off of the shooter's arm," Babcock explains.

With the compound bow, the increased pull poundage results in a flatter arrow trajectory and more penetrating power when the arrow reaches its target. An arrow leaves a compound bow at between 175 and 210 feet per second, according to Babcock.

"The compound bow allows you to shoot a more powerful bow with less effort," Babcock explains in a nutshell.

"The only disadvantage is that it's a little heavier in mass weight than a recurve bow. But still, a compound bow would weigh less than a .30-06 with a scope."

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WEBB BABOCK, JR., and one of his favorite compound bows. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)


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